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FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7923

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 6552

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAMS

REF: A. STATE 188991, B. BA 6381, C. BA 4552, D. STATE 184209

1. POLITICAL FACTORS MENTIONED REF B WERE APPARENT PIQUE BETWEEN ORFILA AND VIGNES EVIDENCED DURING AMB'S CALL ON LATTER. WE ALSO CONCERNED WHETHER THESE PROGRAMS WOULD BE TRULY COOPERATIVE VENTURES OR WHETHER ARGEMBASSY WOULD ATTEMPT CONTROL. MAIDANA IS CASE IN POINT. ONLY BECAUSE OF DEPTS STRONG ENDORSEMENT ARGEMBASSY REQUEST MAIDANA SINCE NO FINAL DECISION PARTICIPANTS JOURNALISTS PROGRAM OR EVEN PROGRAM ITSELF HAD BEEN MADE. THUS REF A CAME AS SURPRISE AND, IN ADDITION, AFTERNOON AUG 29 MAIDANA CALLED USIS FSL EMPLOYEE TO TELL HIM THAT ARGEMBASSY HAS INVITED HIM COME TO U.S. WITH THEIR PAYING ROUND TRIP AIR FARE TO U.S. AND DEPT PAYING ALL COSTS IN U.S., AND REQUESTING CONFIRMATION AND DETAILS.

2. SINCE FAT IS CLEARLY IN THE FIRE WE FEEL WE NOW HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO INVITE MAIDANA AS FIRST OF JOURNALISTS GROUP UNDER FUNDING OUTLINED REF C. REQUEST, HOWEVER, THAT DEPT MAKE NO RPT NO ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS RE JOURNALISTS PROGRAM UNTIL WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY REVIEW NAMES PROMISED PARA 1 REF D AND MAKE PRIORITY LISTING. RE PARA 3 REF D WE WILL FORWARD LIST PROPOSED CONGRESSIONALS NEAR FUTURE.

3. MAIDANA BIO IS: FULL NAME ROBERTO MAIDANA; BORN 1 JULY 28 IN BUENOS AIRES; ADDRESS SUIPACHA 1254 - 1"D" BUENOS AIRES; STUDIED UP TO THIRD YEAR FACULTY OF LAW; PRESENT POSITION EDITOR
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